

## Proud,

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here has been an emotional roller coaster ride.

We first experienced great pride and excitement as we arrived in Egypt ready for new challenges away from our home duty stations. Then, the tragedy of Sept. 11 occurred and changed our lives forever. We suddenly found ourselves in a far away land, with limited communications, reacting with sorrow to the tragedy at home and the genuine threat that more terror might come our way.

Everyone stood fast with our Egyptian allies and rapidly created an environment that was regarded as the most secure and safe place in the country.

You completed our defensive measures and our entire base support structure in record-breaking time. You did this with 40 percent fewer troops than had ever attempted such a feat – an incredible accomplishment under the most demanding environment imaginable.

Later that week, we remembered those who'd lost their lives as we raised our flag in partnership with our host nation as a symbol that our nation's colors truly "don't run."

We then got the "go-ahead" for BRIGHT STAR 01/02 and you stepped up to the challenge.

We continued to increase our base population and enjoy the mail or telephone calls from our loved ones that assured us they were "okay" at home.

You further refined operations at our two 75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group bases and rapidly responded to

the urgent needs of on-going contingency aircraft that required our special capabilities.

Our flying squadrons arrived and, despite rapidly changing missions, completed our flight operations safely and with an expertise that made us proud. We finally began our redeployment operations – no one ever gave up their intensity and pursuit of excellence that had become our trademark since first setting foot in the sand. You finished as champions!

At my first commander's call, I challenged each of you to "make a difference" and "contribute to someone else's life" as part of this deployment. You've succeeded!

My experience with you has made me a better commander and, more importantly, a better person – thank you.

You came here from

73 different bases and formed an unparalleled team of professionals – I would serve with you anywhere. You proved, on a daily basis, the power of unity and the shared sense of purpose signified by our motto – "one mission, one coalition." You've truly served as outstanding Americans and shown the values and spirit that make our country what it is.

It's been an honor and a privilege for me to serve as your commander. Thank you for your service, integrity and excellence on this deployed operation and for all you do on behalf of our nation as men and women in uniform.

May God Bless You and the United States of America!



## Awards,

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SrA. **Michael Soares**, 822nd ESFS  
 TSgt. **Patrick Ansel**, 822nd ESFS  
 TSgt. **Kent Faus**, 822nd ESFS  
 2nd Lt. **James Couch**, 822nd ESFS  
 MSgt. **Barbara Pritchard**, 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron  
 Sgt. **Chalres Wiegand**, 75th ESS  
 MSgt. **Brian Ellis**, 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron  
 MSgt. **Medgar Rose**, 75th ECES  
 TSgt. **Jonathan Zimmerman**, 75th ECES  
 MSgt. **Jerry Moore**, 822nd ESFS

## Papyrus

Col. Jeffery Dodson, 75th AEG commander, presented the following individuals Papyrus Certificates in the past week.

TSgt. **Kevin Robinson**, 822nd ESFS  
 SSgt. **Willie Moody**, 822nd ESFS  
 SSgt. **Robert Wombles**, 822nd ESFS  
 SSgt. **James Forcella**, 822nd ESFS  
 SSgt. **Shaft Jacobs**, 822nd ESFS  
 SSgt. **Jason Lennon**, 822nd ESFS  
 SrA. **Levi Plant**, 822nd ESFS  
 SrA. **Robert Powers**, 822nd ESFS  
 SrA. **Joneil Del Rosario**, 822nd ESFS  
 SrA. **Van Grant**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Dameon Simmons**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Crystal Medina**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Elise Weaver**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Robert Sanders**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Travis Kittrell**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Bradley Kai**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Debra Ammons**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Sarah Smith**, 822nd ESFS  
 A1C **Shawn Stoddard**, 822nd ESFS  
 Amn. **Patrick Araujo**, 822nd ESFS

## Promotions

Congratulations to the airmen have been who were promoted in the past week.

**Pat Poon**, Tanker Airlift Control Element, promoted to the rank of major.

**Gregg Matsumoto**, 9th Aerospace Expeditionary Task Force, promoted to the rank of major.

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